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Docket No.: 15115/080001
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In re Patent Application of:
Tomohiko Matsushita et al.

Application No.: 10/614,723

Confirmation No.: 7557

Filed: July 7, 2003

Art Unit: 2877

For: COMPONENT, APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR ANALYZING MOLECULES

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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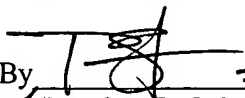
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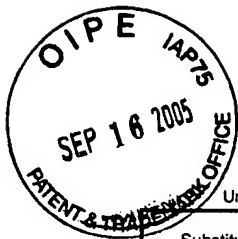
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		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	AA*	US-6,686,582	02-03-2004	Völcker et al.	Corresponds to JP2002-514739
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	BA	JP-2001-183296	07-06-2001	Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.		
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
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